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Please amend the Specification as follows:

Please add the following "Abstract of the Disclosure" following the Claims section of the above-mentioned application:

ABSTRACT

A method for producing a tubular drive shaft is described, comprising a first section with a first diameter and a second section with a second diameter, said second diameter being smaller than the first diameter, and a transition section in which a diameter of said drive shaft diminishes from the first diameter to the second diameter and which is provided with an annular bead which coaxially surrounds a longitudinal axis of said drive shaft, and in the process of which method, a tube with the first diameter is reshaped and reduced in diameter to form the second section and the transition section.

According to the invention it is provided that the bead is formed during, after, or during a break in the reshaped process that results in the production of a second section with a second diameter.